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TAGS: PFOR FR UR US CSCE SHUM
SUBJ: SOVIETS "FURIOUS" ABOUT PRESIDENT'S CSCE REPORT

REF: (A) PARIS 17170, (B) MOSCOW 8325

1. IN MEETING WITH VISITING AMBASSADOR BARNES AND
EMBOFF BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR A BRIEF LOOK-IN AT BELGRADE,
ANDREANI CONFIRMED TO US THAT SOVIETS WERE "FURIOUS"
OVER PRESIDENT'S CSCE REPORT TO CONGRESS.

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2. VORONTSOV, HE SAID, ATTACKED PRESIDENT PERSONALLY
FOR FOCUSING ON SMALL ITEMS WHILE DETENTE WAS AT STAKE.
THIS KIND OF CONDUCT, VORONTSOV REPORTEDLY CONTINUED,
WAS NOT WORTHY OF A MAJOR POWER. WHITE HOUSE EVIDENTLY
COULD NOT SEE FOREST FOR THE TREES. BY CONTRAST
VORONTSOV WAS GENTLE WITH FRENCH ON CSCE SINCE, AS
ANDREANI NOTED WITH AMUSEMENT THAT THEY ARE EVIDENTLY

CONFIDENT THAT "WE WILL BE GOOD BOYS." ANDREANI TOLD VORONTSOV IN REPLY THAT THE TROUBLE WITH FORESTS IS THAT THEY ARE MADE UP OF TREES; AND REMINDED HIM THAT SOVIETS SHOULD KEEP AMERICAN DOMESTIC PRESSURES CLEARLY IN MIND IN JUDGING US CSCE BEHAVIOR.

3. ANDREANI CONCLUDES THAT CSCE REPORT HAS EVIDENTLY HAD MAJOR IMPACT IN MOSCOW. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER, TO WHAT EXTENT THIS IS TACTICAL REACTION TO ENABLE SOVIETS TO TRY TO DRAW LINE BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND THE US AT BELGRADE -- AN INCLINATION WHICH, ANDREANI SAID, WAS ALREADY VERY EVIDENT DURING HIS OWN EXCHANGE IN MOSCOW.

4. ON OTHER CSCE ISSUES SOVIETS PRESSED FOR PRECISE CLOSING DATE FOR MAIN CONFERENCE, SUGGESTING CONFERENCE RUN FROM OCTOBER 1 TO END OF DECEMBER. IN LINE WITH AGREED WESTERN POSITION FRENCH DECLINED TO GET PINNED DOWN.

5. ANDREANI ALSO THREW NEW LIGHT ON REASON WHY SOVIET IDEA OF A "PRIOR POLITICAL CONCEPTION" WAS MENTIONED, BUT WAS NOT EMPHASIZED DURING MOSCOW TALKS. DUBININ HAD IN FACT ASKED FRENCH FOR SPECIFIC REPLY ON THIS POINT DURING HIS RECENT PARIS VISIT - A REQUEST WHICH HELPS EXPLAIN DEGREE OF CONCERN QUAIS REFLECTED THIS QUESTION AT THE TIME. TO AVOID LONG ARGUMENT DURING DE GUIRINGAUD'S VISIT, ANDREANI SENT MESSAGE TO SOVIETS FEW DAYS AGO WITH FOLLOWING "FRIENDLY ADVICE:"

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A) THAT CONTINUED SOVIET PRESSURE THIS POINT AT PREPARATORY CONFERENCE COULD ONLY DEEPEN OTHER PARTICIPANTS' SUSPICIONS THAT THEY HAD SOMETHING TO HIDE; AND

B) THAT SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE THIS SUBJECT, AT PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, FOR WHICH COUNTRIES WILL NEITHER BE STAFFED NOR PREPARED, COULD ONLY RESULT IN DETERIORATING ATMOSPHERE UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE PURPOSE SOVIETS HAVE IN MIND.

APPARENTLY SOVIETS ACCEPTED POINT, ALTHOUGH IN VIEW THEIR REACTION TO US CSCE REPORT TO CONGRESS, ANDREANI IS NOT SURE IT MAY NOT BE REVIVED.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED AMBASSADOR SHERER.

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